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The Honorable Howard P. "Buck" McKeon
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with Section 2906A of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended (part A of Title XXIX of Public Law 101-510; 10 United States Code, Sec. 2687 note), the Department of Defense is hereby notifying Congress of TRICARE Management Activity's intent to obligate additional Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 funds for the Defense Access Roads Program Medical Center Station Entrance at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. The project cost will increase by \$8.174 million, and the FY 2011 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Defense Access Roads Program will increase from \$20 million to \$28.174 million. This cost increase is for the construction of a tunnel/passageway that will allow pedestrian traffic to cross under route MD-355. This option, led by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, was developed by various Federal, State, and local stakeholders. The increase will be funded through bid savings from other BRAC 2005 construction projects and other prior year savings from the BRAC 2005 account. Our Health Affairs staff can be available for provide a more detailed brief if necessary.

The cost growth for this project can be attributed to design impacting costs and increased contractor/subcontractor indirect costs. Other cost increases include additional supporting infrastructure costs.

Thank you for your interest in the health and well-being of our Service members, veterans, and their families. We are proud to serve our Nation's military heroes and their families and we are committed to providing them the best possible care.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Woodson, M.D.
Director

cc:
The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member